

WALLIS HINTS 'SHYSTER' LAWYERS AND 'RUNNERS' IN TOMBS BREAK PLOT

Sinister System At City Prisons, Warren Is Told

An underground gun and dope vending system, of sinister proportions, within the prisons is believed today to be facing exposure, as Commissioner of Accounts Joseph Warren again delved into conditions in the Tombs which led to the death of five men.

Commissioner of Corrections Frederick A. Wallis, the first witness called by Warren in the city's investigation following the attempted Tombs break, asserted that luxuries are supplied prisoners by means of waiters or runners who are not city employees.

Any one of these might have supplied or helped convey the three foot-long pistols used by the felons in their attempted escape, or the narcotics with which it is admitted they were "loaded."

Supplies Luxuries to Prisoners

These runners are employees of a legitimate private business, headed by Commissioner Wallis, which supplies to prisoners who can afford it luxuries in food for a consideration.

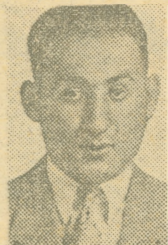
Wallis declared that revenues from this business totaled \$100,000. The money was used, he said, to help worthy prisoners.

Formerly prisoners with money were permitted to send out for their meals. Commissioner Wallis abolished this privilege and took control of the catering within the prison, organizing a semi-public directorate.

Commissioner Wallis said the special meals for prisoners are cooked in a kitchen in the Tombs and that the waiters merely carry them from the kitchen to the prisoners. He was not able to say whether these waiters were searched or not.



Ferd. Pecora



Robert Werner

Prisoners are allowed to retain possession of money up to \$1,000 and may spend it freely, according to the commissioner.

In another part of his testimony he said he had learned of prisoners in some city institutions who had paid \$20 or \$30 a day for drugs.

Only through an employee or a visiting "shyster" lawyer, said Commissioner Wallis, could anything so large as a pistol be brought into the Tombs. He, however, wished to draw a distinction

Pictorial Echoes of Break That Failed

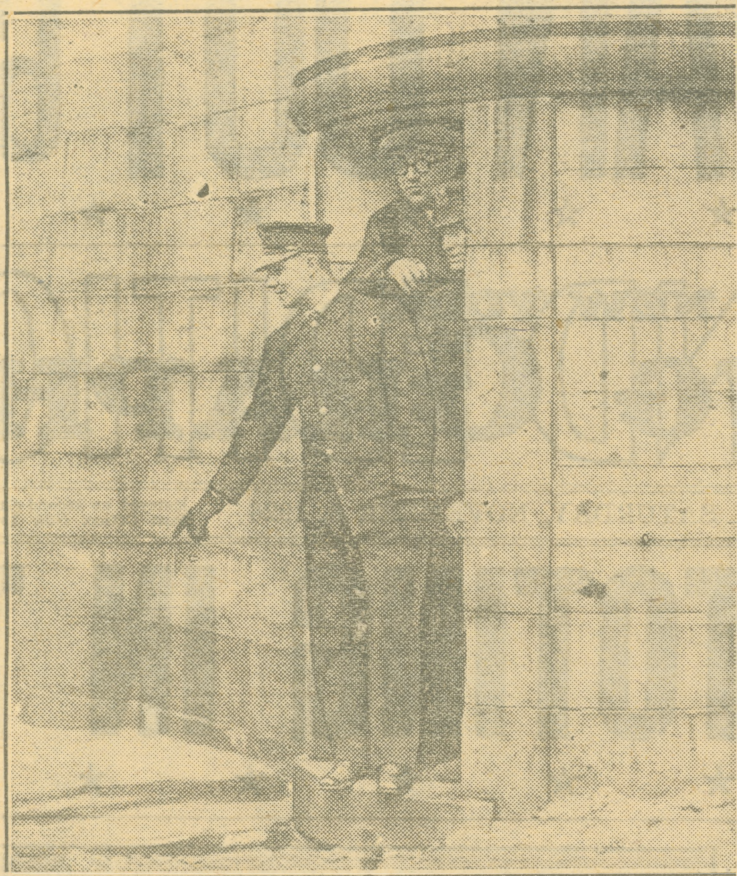


PHOTO AT TOP shows where three Tombs prisoners died, also sentry box which they tried to crowd into. At bottom is seen David Lynch, driver of truck. He was the first man to halt the get-away.

between the "runners" and the regular employees.

Wallis said he had a list of the visiting lawyers, but that he had not got around to that part of the investigation. He will furnish the names of those who had recently visited the men concerned in the attempted break.

Hard to Regulate Drugs

Commissioner Wallis said that "dope" was sometimes smuggled to prisoners on their way to and from the courts. The evil was a difficult one to combat. Prisoners with money were ready to pay any amount to get it. Men had been known to give up as high as \$30 a day for their supply.

Commissioner Wallis said he believed it impossible that the weapons used in Wednesday's murders could have been concealed in the cells of the prisoners for a week or more, as asserted by Robert Werner, the prisoner who has admitted he smuggled the pistols to Hyman Amberg, one of the three would-be jail-breakers who committed suicide.

McKenna, Berg and Amberg, the three prisoners who committed the murders and then killed them-

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Wife Who Paid Hubby's Fare Asks Court Deport Him

Charging her husband, whose passage she paid from Germany, with non-support and abandonment, Mrs. Freda Queck asked Magistrate Gresser in Jamaica Court to order him deported. She met her husband, Oscar Bernard Queck, in Stuttgart, Germany, six years ago.

After coming to America and working three years as a domestic, Mrs. Queck alleged, she sent her fiancé \$138 for his passage here, and they were married on October 4 in the Municipal Building, a week or so after his arrival.

The case was put over until November 9, pending investigation of an affidavit signed by Rudolph Herman, who, to get Queck into the country, it was said, stated he was his friend and would vouch for him. Queck says he does not know Herman.

Anna, Called Deft of Hand, Proves Also Fleet of Foot

Anna Brown, alleged shoplifter, did a much neater job escaping from her captors yesterday than did the bandits who tried to shoot their way out of Tombs Prison.

Miss Brown, held without bail for trial in Special Sessions, was being escorted by Van Driver Kelly from the Criminal Courts Building toward the Bridge of Sighs, when she broke away, rushed to the main rotunda and dashed out into Center Street.

As Kelly had three other prisoners he could not pursue the fugitive, and she escaped.

Army Prisoners Escape

Two army prisoners escaped yesterday, and a military board at Governors Island will hold an investigation today.

The fugitives are Morris J. Cohen, 22, of 1799 Washington Ave., The Bronx, and William W. Reed, 34, of Paris, Tex., accused of fraudulent enlistment and desertion.

Cohen, Reed and three other prisoners, in charge of Private Robert Clinton, were painting the New York terminal of the Governors Island ferry. One of the men started to slip away.

Suspect Taken By 16 Detectives As Bride Weeps

As fourteen detectives stationed themselves on the roof and other places of vantage, two of their comrades went to the apartment of Francis Smith, 20, at 315 8th St., Union City, N. J., and placed him under arrest on a charge of holding up the Village Club at 55 Kenmore St., Manhattan, on October 24 last.

At the time of the hold-up the three bandits shot George Bennett, proprietor, and Margaret Tancy, and terrorized patrons.

Fearing Smith might resort to gun play the detectives took no chances on his escape. He offered no resistance, but his bride of three months broke down and cried.

"DOG-GONE" THIEVES TOOK HIS WEINERS

LOS ANGELES.—"Dog-gone," said Earl A. Hurl, proprietor of a grocery store at 305 Annandale Boulevard, to police after his store had been entered and two dozen weiner sausages taken from a showcase.

Denies Knowledge Of Morse Methods

Colin H. Livingstone, president of the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation, a subsidiary of the United States Steamship Company and a director of the latter concern, testified yesterday in the Morse trial before Judge Thomas D. Thacher and a jury that, despite his executive position, he had never investigated the financial condition of the parent organization.

Daniel H. Gilligan, an accountant, testified that he had changed the real estate valuation of one of the merged concerns from \$300,000 to \$800,000 and its stock from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000 at the instance of William H. Dennis, one of the defendants.

The trial will enter its fifth week Monday morning.

Dry Chief's Wife a Wet, Wants Light Wines, Beer

CHICAGO, Nov. 6 (By U. P.).—Mrs. Lincoln C. Andrews, wife of the nation's prohibition czar, doesn't like the dry law, and if she could have her way, the people who wanted back their legal wines and beer could have them.

Mrs. Andrews was here yesterday on her first business venture as assistant vice-president of the Clara Laughlin Travel Service.

"Neither Mr. Andrews nor myself was eager for prohibition," she declared. "While in office he will enforce the law as long as it remains, but when the people prove they no longer want prohibition, Mr. Andrews will gladly step

down. His has been a thankless job from the first, anyway.

"None of our family has touched liquor since the law became effective," she added, "but that doesn't mean we wouldn't welcome the day when actually non-intoxicating beverages could be brought into our home without breaking the law."

Mrs. Andrews said in regard to the six states voting wet:—

"It proves that Volsteadism is not the universal expression of opinion in America. By freely registering their opinion people of those states will help others to crystallize their own views."



L. C. Andrews

Gen. Nobile's Dog Evicted, New 'Scene' in 'Marta'

Although Gen. Umberto Nobile, a hero of the North Pole, now in New York, had paid an extra \$30 for a seat for his pet terrier in a stall at the Metropolitan Opera House, last night, the ushers got together and politely evicted it.

General Umberto is very fond of Titani, as the dog is named; and he thought it, too, would enjoy "Marta."

Incidentally, it may be observed that the animal flew over the Pole with the general in the Norge.

The eviction made a very unusual scene, although there was no scene.

LANDSLIDE TAKES TOLL

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, Nov. 6.—

More than 100 persons are reported today to have been killed in a landslide near Pereira, which blocked the River Otum and turned the waters into the village.